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MEDIA RELEASE

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Details:

Last Saturday (April 30), you could find members of the Chippewa County Drug Task Force, sponsors, and other volunteers, collecting unwanted prescriptions at the Wisconsin State Fairgrounds. The Task Force teamed up with the Chippewa County Recycling Program and provided Chippewa County residents with a “one-stop” drop off for old, unwanted, and expired prescriptions. It is a goal of the Task Force Team to divert unwanted prescriptions from landfills, septic systems, public water supplies, and to keep them out of the hands of others. This year, the team and 14 other volunteers collected almost 200 lbs in just 4 hours. Over 120 Chippewa County residents took advantage of this opportunity.

The Chippewa Falls Police Department is the hosting agency for the Chippewa County Drug Task Force, which meets about four times a year. If you have unwanted prescriptions and did not make it to the clean sweep held last Saturday, you can still drop off what you have (year round) at the Chippewa Falls Police Department. If you do not live in or near the City, check with your local law enforcement agency, as they too, may be a “drop off” site.

The Task Force is funded through grants and donations. This year, the Task Force received funding and donations from Excel, Goodwill Industries, Walgreens, the City of Bloomer, the City of Chippewa Falls, Kiwanis Club of Chippewa Falls, Northwestern Bank, Edward & Hannah Rutledge Charities, St. Joseph's Hospital, and from the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection. To operate a “one time” drop off site, including advertising, collecting, and disposing of the substances, can cost over \$3,000. The Task Force would not be able to meet its goals and work year round on this issue, without the help of these generous donations and the work of the volunteers.